

ITADCs to emerge as one-stop growth hubs for Textile Entrepreneurs and MSMEs :Giriraj Singh

Union Minister Giriraj Singh reviews key initiatives to strengthen India's Textile ecosystem

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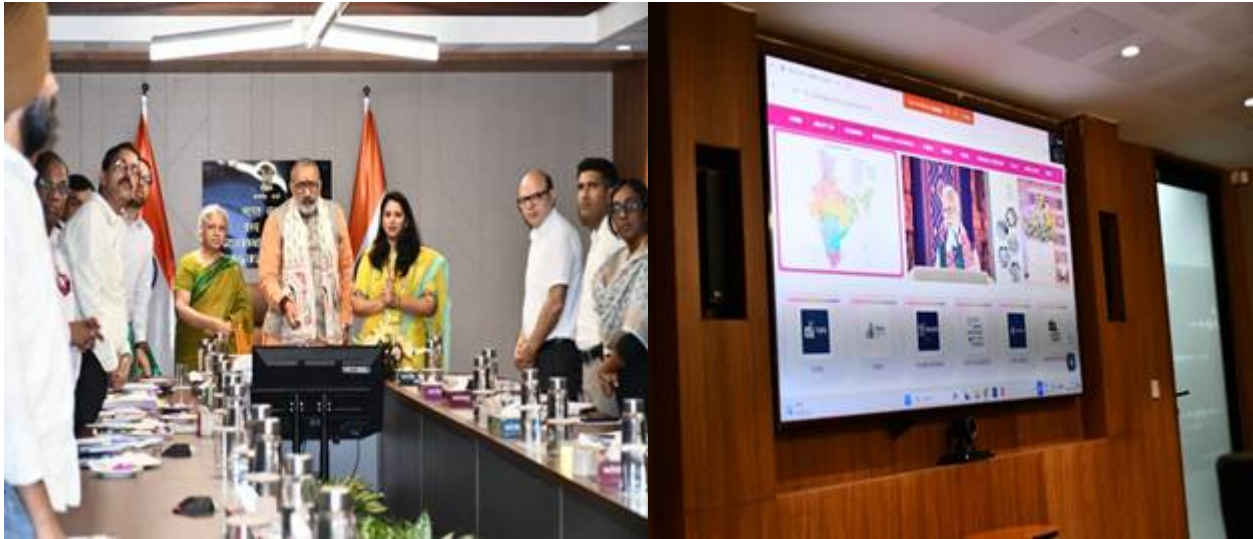
Union Minister for Textiles Shri Giriraj Singh today chaired a high-level review meeting to assess the progress of key initiatives aimed at strengthening India's textile ecosystem through technology upgradation, institutional reforms and enhanced industry support. The meeting was attended by Secretary, Ministry of Textiles, Smt. Neelam Shami Rao, Textile Commissioner, Smt. Vrunda Manohar Desai, and senior officers of the Ministry of Textiles.

The Minister reviewed the transformation of the erstwhile Powerloom Service Centres into Integrated Textile and Apparel Development Centres (ITADCs), which are being repositioned as integrated growth hubs for the textile sector. The revamped ITADCs are envisioned as one-stop facilitation centres providing skill development, testing, design support, technology adoption, entrepreneurship development, credit facilitation, export promotion and market linkages to textile entrepreneurs, MSMEs and other stakeholders across the textile value chain.



Reviewing the performance of ITADCs during the first quarter of FY 2026-27, the Minister appreciated the significant expansion in their activities. During the quarter, the centres trained over 1,170 trainees, reached nearly 1,770 textile units through outreach programmes, facilitated institutional credit, strengthened e-commerce linkages, introduced product-led entrepreneurship initiatives and promoted commercialization of new-age fibres such as bamboo, hemp, flax, banana and pineapple fibres. He noted that ITADCs are steadily evolving into innovation and enterprise development centres capable of supporting textile businesses from incubation to market expansion.

The Minister also reviewed the implementation of the Amended Technology Upgradation Fund Scheme (ATUFS) and appreciated its contribution towards modernising the Indian textile industry. As per the independent third-party impact assessment, 10,061 units have been supported under ATUFS with subsidy assistance of ₹2,776 crore, leveraging investments worth over ₹53,121 crore. The scheme has facilitated the installation of nearly 6.7 lakh benchmarked textile machines and generated approximately 3.6 lakh direct employment opportunities.



The study further highlighted the strong multiplier effect of the scheme, with every ₹1 crore of subsidy mobilising nearly ₹19 crore of private investment and creating around 130 direct jobs. It also found that 46% of the total subsidy was availed by the weaving sector, while 46% of the new employment generated in composite units amounted to nearly 1.7 lakh jobs, underscoring the scheme's significant contribution to technology upgradation, productivity enhancement and employment generation.

The Union Minister inaugurated the revamped website of the Office of the Textile Commissioner, featuring a modern, accessible and user-friendly interface with comprehensive information on schemes, services and institutional activities. The website also includes interactive maps of ITADCs and powerloom clusters, improved accessibility features and a uniform design aligned with the Ministry of Textiles' digital identity.

Speaking on the evolving role of ITADCs, Shri Giriraj Singh said that integrated Textile and Apparel Development Centres will anchor India's next phase of textile growth by serving as one-stop facilitation hubs for entrepreneurs and industry. Through skill development, testing, technology support, credit facilitation, innovation and market linkages, these centres will strengthen MSMEs, promote exports, generate sustainable employment and contribute significantly towards building a globally competitive and self-reliant textile sector.

Secretary, Ministry of Textiles, Smt. Neelam Shami Rao, emphasised the importance of institutional convergence and stated that the field formations, Textile Committee, Export Promotion Councils, Textile Research Associations and industry associations must function in close coordination to maximise the impact of government initiatives. Institutional convergence will improve outreach, service delivery and effective implementation of schemes across the textile value chain.

The Minister also inaugurated the newly developed Key Performance Indicator (KPI) Portal for ITADCs. The portal enables real-time monitoring of institutional performance through field-level data capture, performance benchmarking, digital dashboards and structured review mechanisms, thereby strengthening governance, transparency and service delivery across ITADCs nationwide. The Minister directed all field offices to work in close coordination with the Textile Committee, Export Promotion Councils, Textile Research Associations, State Governments and industry associations to ensure effective implementation of government initiatives and greater outreach to textile enterprises.

The meeting concluded with a reaffirmation of the Ministry's commitment to strengthening institutional support, accelerating technology upgradation, fostering entrepreneurship and building a globally competitive, innovation-driven and employment-intensive textile sector.

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